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**I-85 NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC SHIFT
NEAR STATE ROUTE 154/McCOLLUM-SHARPSBURG ROAD**

COWETA COUNTY – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a northbound traffic shift on Interstate 85 beginning near Exit 51 (State Route 154/McCollum-Sharpsburg Road) and extending to Exit 56 (Collinsworth Road/ County Road 548) beginning **at 5 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunday, July 19.** This traffic shift is subject to change based on weather conditions.

Beginning near Exit 51 on I-85 northbound, the previous three lanes of traffic will be reduced to two travel lanes and be shifted to the newly constructed lanes. This shift will extend northbound to Exit 56.

Refuge areas for accidents will be spaced at 1 mile intervals through the shift.

Message boards, signs, barricades, barrels and cones will be utilized to alert and channel motorists through the area.

The scheduled completion date for this project is December 31, 2009. Motorists should expect shoulder and lane closures on a continuing basis and are advised to use extra caution in construction work zones.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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